

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
August 18, 2016
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the August 18, 2016 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

ROLL CALL –Vice-Mayor Turner, Councilman LeMay, Councilwoman Bingham, Mayor Griffin, Town Attorney Shortt, Town Manager Cox, and Town Clerk Mandzak were present. Councilman Patton was absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS-

Mike Schumann and Chad Mills from the Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department address the Council. Mr. Schumann apologizes for not asking to use the park sooner. Mr. Schumann states that they have local musicians scheduled to play at the event on September 17th and that hopefully they will have a good turnout and raise money for the fire department. Mr. Schumann states that doing the fundraisers helps the fire department become more self-sufficient. Mayor Griffin asks if they have another event scheduled for the Spring; Mr. Schumann states that they don't have one scheduled yet because they have to try and line up musicians to play at the Spring event.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham to approve the Warren G. Lineberry Park request from the Fire Department to use the park on September 17th.

Councilman Patton-absent
Vice-Mayor Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilwoman Bingham-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

Mr. Schumann thanks the Council and states that the fundraiser typically raises between \$2,500 to \$3,000. Mr. Schumann states that they are working on doing more marketing to try and get more people to the event. Mayor Griffin informs Mr. Schumann that there will be some work done in the park in the Spring so they will need to coordinate with Town Manager Cox about when the park will be available for use.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-

- A. Financials-** Council reviews financials provided by Town Manager Cox. Town Manager Cox informs council that she purchased the new Christmas lights and new bulbs for the existing Christmas lights and that the public works crew has started retro fitting the fixtures. Councilwoman Bingham asks about the new businesses on the meals tax spreadsheet; Town Manager Cox states that Fat Bean Farm and Cast Iron Catering held pop up events in the farmer's market that they paid taxes on and Till and Grill is a new food truck that has started coming to Floyd.
- B. Warren G. Lineberry Park Request-**Item previously discussed and voted on.

C. Plat Review-Town Manager Cox reviews the plat for a lot line revision on Laurence Wood's property provided to Council. Town Manager Cox states that the proposed plat requires approval from the Council to be able to move forward on the sale of the property.

Councilwoman Bingham makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to approve the lot line revision as presented.

Councilman Patton-absent
Vice-Mayor Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilwoman Bingham-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

D. Solid Waste/Recycling Plan-Mayor Griffin asks if Town Attorney Shortt has reviewed the Solid Waste/Recycling Plan yet; Town Manager Cox states that he has not reviewed but she will send it to him. Mayor Griffin states that they will discuss it at the next Council meeting after Town Attorney Shortt has had the opportunity to review the plan. Mayor Griffin states that this plan is to support the public works crew and that Town Manager Cox should go ahead and rely on the plan to offer the support that the public works crew may need.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-

Town Manager Cox states that she and Mayor Griffin met with VDOT. The only project the Town collaborates with the County is the 6 year road plan. Any other project in Town such as sidewalks would be a stand-alone project between the Town and VDOT. Town Manager Cox states that the VDOT representative is going to look into the right-of-way study that was completed for the Town. We learned that VDOT does not have any enforcement of their own regulations. Town Manager Cox states that the milling portion of the paving project is complete and that the paving will begin Sunday night. Councilwoman Bingham asks about the letters that Paul Brown said he was going to send out; Town Manager Cox states that the VDOT representative stated that he is going to look into the right-of-way study and report back, however in order to enforce any of the violations there would need to cooperation between VDOT, the Town, and the property owner. Vice-Mayor Turner asks if it would be in the best interest of the Town to look at the Ordinances that deal with this subject and to incorporate VDOT's recommendations to be able to enforce that Ordinance. Mayor Griffin states that he doesn't think that the Town would have the authority to do that. Vice-Mayor Turner states that maybe the Council should fashion their Ordinances to encompass what VDOT requires as far as right-of-way issues are concerned. Mayor Griffin states that he thinks that if the property isn't owned by the Town than they wouldn't have any control over it. Mayor Griffin states that they will need to keep exploring the subject until they get a clear answer.

OTHER-

Mayor Griffin states that he was in Town on Friday night and that he was approached by the owners of the Floyd Country Store concerning a band that is playing loudly and drowning out the other bands playing. They asked if the Town could look into the problem. Councilman LeMay states that he and Jeff Liverman are in the process of trying to draw more people down into the park to help get the people off the street. Vice-Mayor Turner asks if the band can be sent a letter asking them to cease and desist because it is causing a safety hazard. Council discusses possible options for the issue.

Mayor Griffin states that the Town will have to bear the cost of the survey and appraisal for the Buriss/McGrath property purchase. Town Attorney Shortt informs the Council that the easement for Shane Snavely's property is ready to be signed and that the only easement they are lacking now is for Mr. Whittaker's property. Town Attorney Shortt states that he has had contact with Mr. Whittaker with no result. Town Manager Cox states that she spoke with Blaine Keesee at Draper Aden and he explained the options for obtaining the property are eminent domain, to possibly reroute the project or to involve a family member to help to be a mediator in the situation. Town Manager Cox states that VDOT would not get involved with eminent domain case and that none of the expenses would be reimbursable project cost. Town Attorney Shortt states that Mr. Whittaker knew about the easement at the time of the closing and that at the time he seemed agreeable with the project. Mayor Griffin and Vice-Mayor Turner state they will try and reach out to family members. Town Manager Cox states that the final comments from Draper Aden went back to VDOT today.

Vice-Mayor Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until September 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Chrissy Mandzak, Clerk